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**KAHULUI LIGHT DRAFT NAVIGATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS
KAHULUI, ISLAND OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII**

1. **APPLICANT:** Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii.
2. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Mr. Napoleon Agraan, Engineering Design Section, Harbors Division, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii.
3. **APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
4. **LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:** Kahului, Island of Maui.
5. **PROJECT PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION:**

a. Purpose: The basic purpose of the project is to provide commercial light-draft navigation improvements for the north side of the island of Maui by installing an improved launch ramp in Kahului Harbor.

b. Background: This activity is the State of Hawaii portion of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works Project. The Federal portion of the project consists of: a turning basin 100 feet by 100 feet, dredged to a depth of -8.5 feet mean lower low water (MLLW); an entrance channel 1,030 feet long and 50 feet wide, dredged to a depth of -9.5 feet MLLW; and a rubblemound breakwater 130 feet long, with a crest elevation of +9.0 feet. An environmental assessment for the total project was prepared and circulated by the Corps with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) dated October 23, 1996

c. Description: The State of Hawaii portion of the project, and the object of this Public Notice, consists of: the demolition of the existing single lane launch ramp and portion of the shoreline revetment; construction of a new three lane launch ramp; construction of a catwalk 180 feet long; and reconstruction of the revetment.

6. IMPACTS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IF AUTHORIZED:

No long range adverse impacts are expected. Short term impacts associated with project construction may include: increased traffic, dust and noise along the shore line; an increase in turbidity at the site of dredging; destruction of the benthic community in the dredge area; temporary closure of the launch ramp; and interference with boat traffic and surfing in the immediate area of construction.

7. IMPACT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

There are no known historic properties within the project area. In the event that unanticipated or inadvertent discovery of historic properties occurs during project execution, all work shall be stopped and the State Historic Preservation Office will be notified. This is a general condition that would be included in the Department of the Army (DA) permit.

This notice has been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, the State Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawaii Nei, the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, and the Secretary of the Interior. Any comments they have regarding historic properties and cultural resources will be considered before a final decision is made on the permit.

8. IMPACT ON ENDANGERED SPECIES:

No effects are expected on candidate, proposed or listed endangered or threatened species. Informal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act was conducted for the project. The NMFS response (contained in the project EA) indicated that the Humpback Whale and the Green Sea Turtle may occur in the area, but because the construction activities will take place within the harbor, no special considerations except the use of best management practices to limit the generation of fines are necessary.

This notice has been sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources. Any comments they have on Federal or State of Hawaii endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, will be considered before a final decision is made on the permit.

9. ESSENTIAL FISH HAPITAT: The project is not likely to have a significant effect on essential fish habitat (EFH) since the activity

will occur within the Kahului harbor, and affects will be limited to a small portion of the harbor.

This notice has been sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service for their comments or EFH Conservation Recommendations pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.

10. OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS:

Prior to the issuance of the Department of Army permit, the applicant is required to obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification, or waiver thereof, from the State Department of Health (DOH), Clean Water Branch and a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program consistency determination or waiver from the Office of Planning before the DA permit is valid. The requirements for a CZM consistency statement and accompanying information are available for public review at the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Office of Planning, CZM Program Office, 235 S. Beretania Street, 6th Floor, Honolulu, HI. 96813. Comments on the consistency statement should be submitted in writing to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Office of Planning, CZM Program Office, P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804 no later than 30 days from the date of this notice.

11. EVALUATION FACTORS:

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof: Among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

12. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES:

Interested parties may submit in writing any comments that they have on the permit. Comments should be forwarded so as to reach this District no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Written inquiries and comments should be mailed to the address on the masthead and should refer to permit number 200000171. Further information may be obtained from William Lennan, Regulatory Branch, Honolulu Engineer District, Building

230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, 96858, telephone (808) 438-6986 or FAX 438-4060. This Public Notice may also be obtained from the internet at <http://www.pod.usace.army.mil/news/newsrel.html>.

13. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Any person may request, in writing, within 30 days from the date of this notice that a public hearing be held to consider the proposed permit. Requests for public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing.

(Attachments)

Figure 1. Location Map

Figure 2. Site Map

Figure 3. Launching Ramp Plan - Existing Condition/Demolition -
Removal Plan

Figure 4. New Condition - Launching Ramp Plan

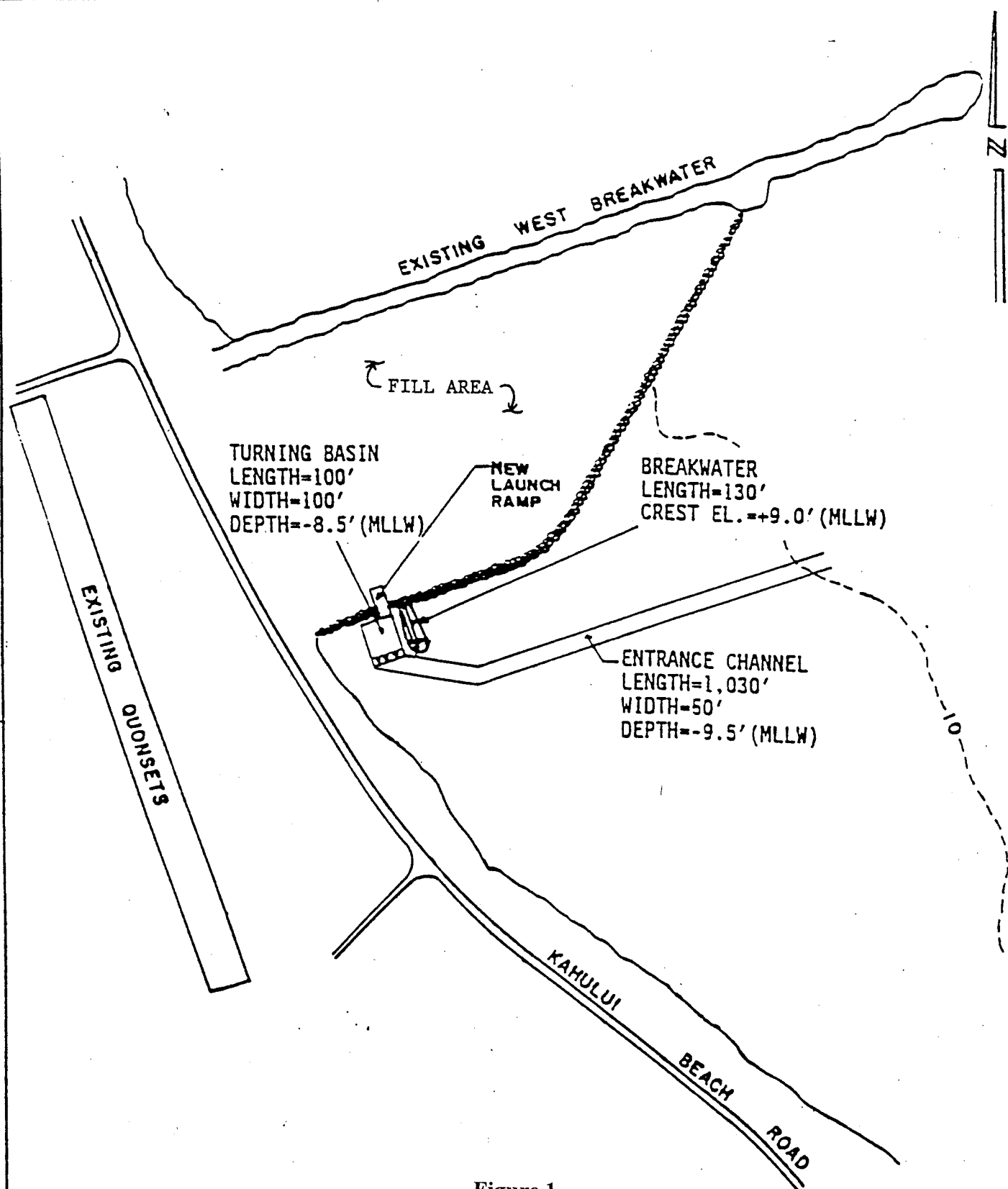
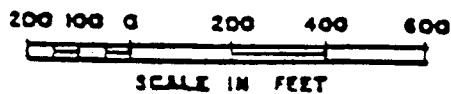


Figure 1



KAHULUI LIGHT DRAFT
NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS
MAUI, HAWAII

SITE MAP
(PLAN OF IMPROVEMENTS)

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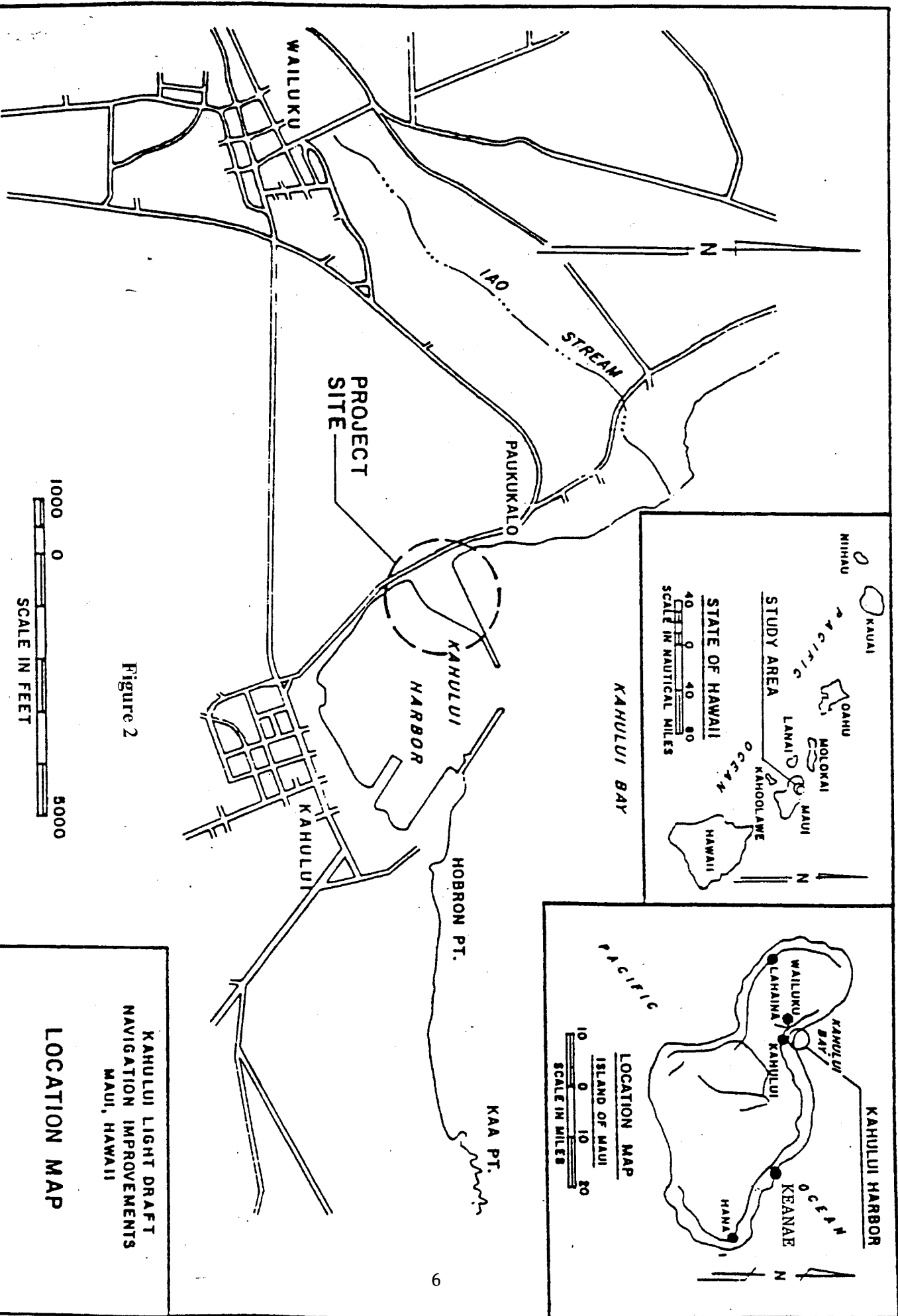


Figure 2

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LOCATION MAP

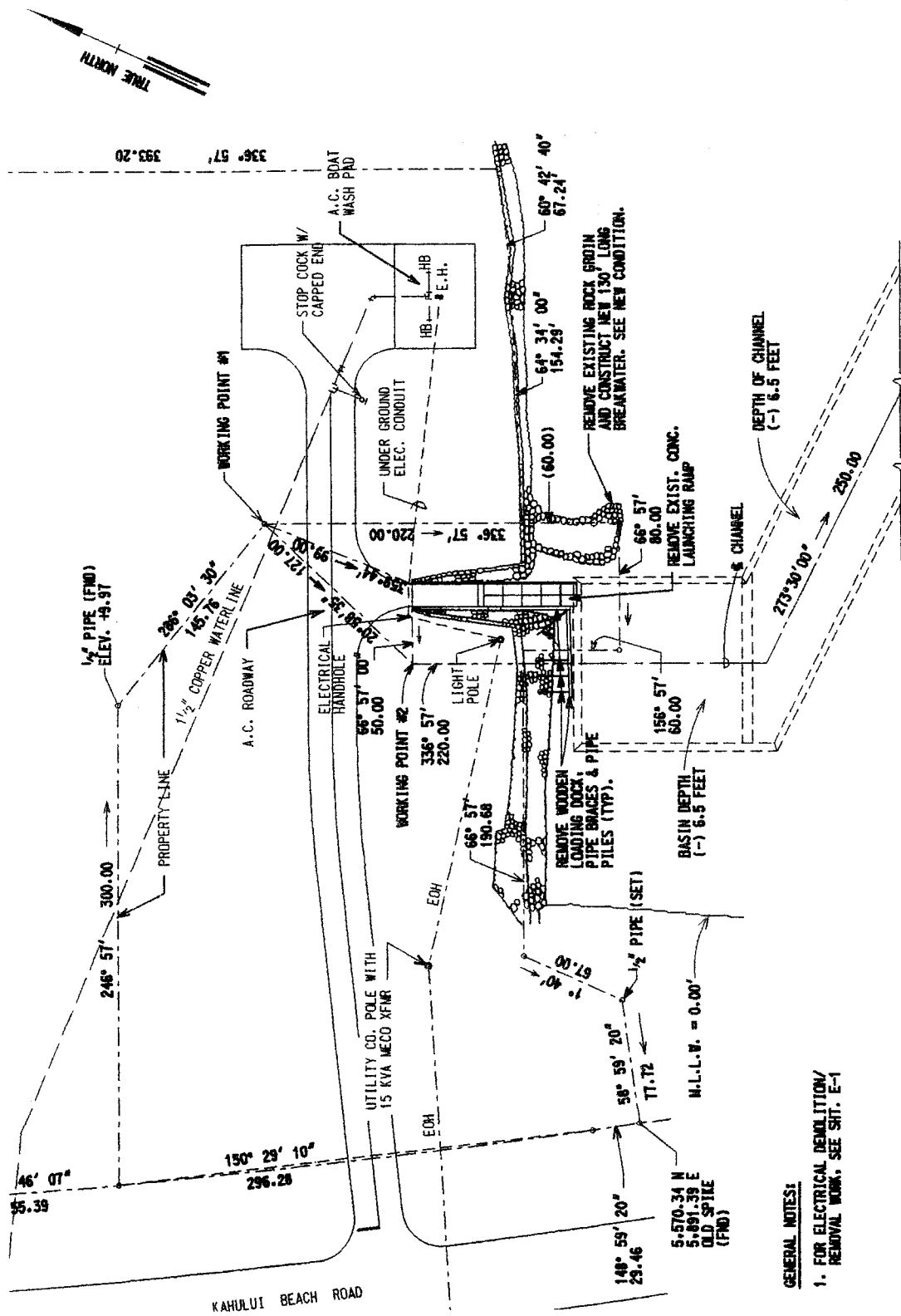


Figure 3

LAUNCHING RAMP PLAN - EXISTING CONDITION / DEMOLITION - REMOVAL PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 100'

